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TO-DAY

London, Feb. 11.

deputies at committee level.

The French representative,

the German representatives would

appear and whether they would

Mr Murphy, replying, said that in

officials who could be said to repre-

sent a good proportion of the Ger-

The rest of the discussion on the

United States memorandum was

mainly concerned with the proposed

system of committees, which M.

was taken up with a long argument

over the difference of opinion which

had arisen in the drafting committee

skeleton form of the report for sub-

mission to the Council of Foreign

The difference was that in the

Soviet view the views of the smaller.

Allied Governments on specific

in alphabetical order with the fullest.

The United States and British

view was that the deputies should

submit an integrated report of all

the views of all the governments

which had expressed opinions on a

responsible for drawing up

The first two hours of the meeting

Paris said he thought "too rigid,"

man population.

Ministers.

-Reuter.

# CHURCHILL WEDDING BY CANDLELIGHT

# But The Organ Played!

London, Feb. 11. Miss Mary Churchill, youngest daughter of the former Prime Minister, was married to-day at the height of Britain's power cut, with only four, candles burning and no heat in the Margaret's fashionable St Church, to Captain Oristopher of the Coldstream Soames Guards.

At the last minute, enough electricity was supplied so that the bride could walk down the aisle to traditional organ music instead of to a plane as had been expected. Thousands of Londoners braved the biting wind and waited for hours outside the church for a glimpse of the bride and her famous father.

Mr Churchill was cheered lustily amid shouls of "Hello Winnie"cheers which accentuated the silence that greeted the Prime Minister's and Mrs Attice's arrival to attend the wedding, which was one of the highlights of London's social season.

Mr Churchill grinned broadly and raised his fingers in the Victory salute, after which he offered his hand to his daughter for the march to the altar.

### COLD AND DARK

The church was cold and virtually pitch dark, except for four candles on the alter and a single light burning over the organ.

Masses of yellow daffedils and mimosa banked the front of the alter and the mink and sable coats of the guests-some of whom were wearing colourful Paradise plumes in their hats—gave a marked contrast to the thousands of speciators in shabby overcoats and sackcloth. Captain Soames, the bridegroom, is at present assistant military attache at the British Embassy in

Paris. He served in North Africa and fought in the battle of El Alamein. The wedding climaxed a love-atfirst-sight meeting in Parls. Within

a month of their meeting last No-

vember, they were engaged. A special force of 35 foot and five mounted constables were posted outside St Margaret's in Westminster for the wedding, but they proved inadequate to hold back the crowd when the Churchill car, bearing the flag of the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, drove up.-United

## Fire Disaster: 86 Still Missing

Berlin, Feb. 11. Eighty-six persons are still missing following the flash fire which gutted a Berlin night club on Saturday and workers are still sifting through the debris hunting for bodies.

Police headquarters earlier had listed 104 missing but later it reported that 18 of the number had turned up. Some who failed to report had been suffering from shock and others had been receiving treatment at private houses.

The bodies are so badly charred and in pieces that the first counts of 01 bodies recovered appeared to be an error.-United Press.

# AHIMX

Washington, Feb. 12.

The impression here was that although XMHA at present is owned by the Chinese Catholic Bishop, Paul Yupin, it drew Nanking suppressive action because it had been broadcasting co-operatively with the United States Navy for the benefit of the United States armed forces in China.—Associated Press.

# JEWS ALSO REJECT PLAN

# No Nearer

London, Feb. 11.

for a compromise. The British Government appeared parties or devising a new solution.

compromise solution, but neither Jews nor Arabs in London to-night showed any indication of a com-

the Cabinet would try to impose its easily accessible areas, except where plan by force, particularly after the the removal of such trees adversely Arabs and Jews had expressed them. affected the amenity of the locality. selves unreservedly against accepting It, even as a basis for discussion.

Foreign Office sources indicated that Britain might take the whole, matter to the United Nations as a last resort and might, in that case, call for a special meeting on grounds of urgency.

No decision so far has been taken by the Government. Mr Bevin was believed to be preparing a last appeal to both the Arabs ad the Jews for continuation of talks in London.— United Press.

## HAIFA SCARE

city to-night and there were unconfirmed rumours of explosions rocking the area. The police quick- covering. The quickest and most ly denied any trouble and explained satisfactory way of obtaining exploithat they had dropped a depth table amber from these areas is by charge "as a precaution". No other allowing the natural succession of

explanation was given. (Continued on Page 4)

# The Air

The action of 410 Chinese military in closing the American radio station XMHA at Shanghai was interpreted by State Department sources as the culmination of the Nanking Covernment's determination to eliminate all stations in China in which the Chinese feel foreign influence is existent.

# Palestine Solution

Jewish leaders to-day joined the Arab states' delegates in relecting the new British plan for Palestine, leaving the British Government faced with complete failure after weeklong efforts

confronted with the alternatives of either forcing their plan upon both Sources close to the Foreign Office indicated that Mr Ernest Bevin might make yel another attempt to save that, if given time, he could bring sides and, declared an official.

Jerusalem, Feb. 11. Haifa port sirens screamed over the | tion; (b) areas from which all trees

It was believed, however, the depth charge was dropped from a police

## EDITORIAL

# The Task Of Reafforestation

ANE of Hongkong's unhappiest and most unfortunate legacies of the wa U is deforestation. For years the authorities waged a struggle with illegal wood cutters, with enough success to provide the colony with belts of woodland and scrub capable of preventing soil erosion and silting, and at the same time adding to the natural beauty of the place. With the overrunning of the colony by the Japanese in 1941, the protection so vital to the perpetuation of the forests was lost and the Chingse, desperate for firewood, swooped down on the more accessible areas and denuded them of their, trees. A very great deal of 60 years of patient work was ruined in a few

To-day, through the "Telegraph", it is officially disclosed that the Botanical and Forestry Department has started the big task of reafforestation, and the pronouncements of immediate and long term policies to give back to Hongkong its essential woodlands, are extremely encouraging. Wemust have a forest covering in water catchment areas if only to prevent large scale erosion: and there are other considerations, such as the danger of rapid and complete silting up of the reservoirs during the rainy season, and inevitable landslides which could, and probably would, cause damage to property and possibly mean loss of life.

The immediate plans for correcting the present serious situation are realistic and workmanilke. The decision to resume the pre-war system of protection is sensible, and although it is a little disheartening to know that we must walt another twelve months for full scale planting of seedlings. there is comfort. In the knowledge that the Forestry Department is making the fullest use of its nurseries and is going shead as fast as possible with the work. The Department expects to have 100,000; seedlings planted by the end of next apring and this will, undoubtedly, reduce the danger of | doors and adequate washing and for experimental work of various to-night. orosion and sliting in the catchment areas. Complete reafforestation is at cooking facilities will be necessary kinds and was well afforested up to long torm lob, but the energetic manner in which it is being tackled is to make these into permanent out- 1945 when extensive fellings were commondable and ressuring.

# REAFFORESTAT

# Immediate And Long Term Policies

# TASK OF GREAT MAGNITUDE

The Botanical and Forestry Department has started its great task of reafforestating the colony which, to-day, is seriously threatened with soil erosion in some of the catchment areas. Seedlings from the government nurseries are being planted, but, said an official, replanting on a full scale will have to wait until the spring of next year.

The planting of seedlings from nurseries started this month and already about 5,000 trees have been planted, principally in the catchment areas. It is expected that by the end of next spring 100,000 trees will have been planted.

An official said that they had been very unlucky in losing so many Tristania seedlings in the typhoon last year as this was one of the best types of trees for afforestation work. However, they had plenty of other seedlings to get along with.

to 10 years before they develop- policy, the official said that every ed into anything like full sized effort will be made to increase the trees, or would have any value as | undergrowth | covering and tree timber.

Some idea of the magnitude of the work is indicated by an official revelation that from December 8 to 11, 1941, approximately one-half of the total growing stock of large pine trees between Beacon Hill railway tunnel and Laichikok were

By early January, 1942, all trees had completely disappeared from

After the surrender of Hongkong, for several months the Japanese the London talks from final break- authorities did nothing to prevent down. He was known to be insisting the cutting of firewood from the hillthe Jews and Arabs together on a was undoubtedly during this period that deforestation was at its height, Later the Japanese authorities carried out systematic dellings re-

sulting in the removal of all trees of Whitehall sources did not believe it size suitable for firewood from

## IMMEDIATE POLICY

The official said that the imfor reafforestation, secondly for protection, thirdly re-establishment of nurseries and fourthly routine work. such as the planting and tending of roadside drees, undergrowth clearings, and so forth.

Reafforestation came under three headings: (a) areas which remain comparatively untouched and for which the protection of growing stock was the most important considerasuitable for firewood have been removed leaving a fairly dense shrub generations of vegetation to take course. This may be helped to some extent by interplanting such trees as Schima, Tristania and Machilus in groups; (c) areas from which all trees suitable for firewood have been removed, but which has little or no shrub layer - or from which , shrub

loyer has been removed. the official, are the ones which call for large scale forestry operations. for the most strenuous steps to be taken for reafforestation. In many pared for reafforestation in which such areas natural regeneration of it was proposed to set up an outpine has taken' place in sufficient station and nursery with about 10 afforded complete protection. In large area. any case, such gops as occur in those

sown. Some of these areas, however, are more suitable for plant- spring of 1046. ing with broadleaved tree seedlings raised in a nursery and this is now being done as far as available nur-

said that an temcient outpost scheme struction of the reservoir. has been established for the protection of afforestated areas. In the majority of cases, pill boxes have

sery stocks permit.

He said that it would be five, Dealing with the long term forest growth in the protection forests on the steep hillsides and entchment

> efficient system of forest guards and by beating up the undergrowth with high forest trees wherever suitable. Such catchment areas which have no undergrowth will be pitsown with

value is high.

check the crosion of those hilltons which have become completely denuded of all vegetation,

has not become serious on any part of the island except on a small area. around Tytam reservoir. On mainland, however, in the area between Laichikok and Kwal Chung (on the Tsun Wan road) serious erosion is now taking place, under forest will again be sown with I cedure is concerned. mediate forest policy called firstly pine, but the extent of these operations will have to depend largely on the possibility of protecting these areas from illegal tree cutting, as for the most part they are situated in the immediate vicinity of densely populated areas, such as Shaukiwan

The official sold that area offers ritories since all village rights were Referring to protection, the official extinguished at the time of the con- the smaller Allies by each of the Big

(Continued on Page 4)

This will be done by enforcing an These protection areas must be

fully dealt with before the affores-Special efforts will be made

Fortunately, said the official, this

and Shamshulpo.

## NEW TERRITORIES

years, to be a real benefit to the Ministers in Moscow, four standing

area does not present such big | deputies. problems as the catchment areas in i Hongkong from the point of view of protection, owing to its relative remoteness. Moreover, its somewhat more gentle and broken topography structure of Germany, with subdoes not make the necessity of pre- committees on constitutional strucserving a forest cover as essential as ture and democratisation. for most other eatchment areas: These last mentioned areas, said therefore, it forms an ideal choice In 1038 a working plan was prequantity to establish a closed forest men to provide the requisite claims. canopy in due time, should it be seedling for planting up this very

In 1945 inspection of plantations created in this area in 1939 and ganisation and control reparations generation will be artificially filled. In other areas little or no natural factory results had been achieved in the little regeneration of pine has followed spite of complete lack of tending removal of the older trees and such during the war years. These same duration and strength of military areas will have to be artificially plantations were almost completely destroyed by wood cutters in the

## NEW HEADQUARTERS

A site for the new headquarters of been used for housing foresters for the Forestry Department has been

announced to-night that the Soviet delegation had decided their proposals on procedure should be widened and in particular a wider view should be taken on the matter of consultation and information of the smaller Allied powers. This question has so far been one Government, the leaders of the apof the main points at issue between proved democratic, parties, trade the Russians and the other three of union officials and officials of State the Big Four delegations in planning or provincial government, should be

M. Eyodor Gusev, the Soviet delegate to the Deputies

Here is a scene that is typical in many parts of England

to-day, where shoppers have to be served by candlelight owing

to electricity cuts made necessary by the acute coal shortage.

Britain's towns and villages are almost as gloomy to-day as

Russia Changes Tune

On German Treaty

for the German peace treaty suddenly and unexpectedly

they were during the wartime blackout.

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for the preparation of the German invited to submit their views to the M. Gusev made his announcement at the very end of a long meeting Camille Paris, deputising for M. in a chilly atmosphere created by Couve de Murville, said he con-

Britain's industrial power cuts. He said the Soviet delegation had posal premature. not yet crystallised the form which tation of other areas is undertaken. the widening should take but he Requisite attention will also be said he hoped to submit a supplegiven to the planting of selected mentary proposal to the original flowering trees where their amenity Soviet memorandum in the next day speak on behalf of the German

> There would be particular ference to the Standing Committee the United States and Soviet zones at the forthcoming Council of Germany there were duly elected Foreign Ministers in Moscow consultation and information of other Allied Governments.

The British delegate, Sir William Strang, who presided, reporting on the progress of the deputies' work, said he was very doubtful whether they would complete their work in Later, areas that were previously time so far as the question of pro-

He added that a lot would depend on how far M. Gusev's new proposals would go to meet the views on procedure of other delegations.

## U.S. MEMORANDUM

The other main business of the deputies to-night was the discussion of the United States memorandum on procedure, which was submitted German problems should be listed Afforestation in the New Terri- by Mr Robert Murphy. This protories has great possibilities, de- posed that at the fresh meeting of possible direct quotation from the clock dages mere blacked out for the clared the official, and may well the deputies to take place, within prove, even in a short period like 20 four weeks of the Council of Foreign by each Allied government, sub-committees and about a dozen Disclosing that a start was made sub-committees on which the smaller in 1939 to afforest part of the Shing Allies would be represented, should Mun catchment area, he said this be set up to join in the work of the specific subject.

> The Standing Committees would deal with the following subjects:

1. Political and constitutional

2. Territorial adjustments and problems, with sub-committees on the eastern boundaries, the Netherlands territorial claims, Belgium and Luxembourg territorial claims, the Saar and Czecho-Slovak territorial

Germany and reparations with the sub-committees for economic ortion, with sub-committees on the

3. The economic organisation of

draft disarmament and demilitarisation treaty. The four standing committees the largest scope for infforestation would consist of one representative. by the government in the New Ter- of each of the Big Four and four representatives nominated from among

occupation and on the United States

#### Four deputies. LIVELY DISCUSSION

The United States memorandum this purpose and only such minor re- tentatively selected near Taipo Kau. also contained a novel proposal Royce Dennis and Merryweather en- for fighting oil fires. pairs as the installing of windows, This area in the past has been used which was subject to lively discussion gines were replaced six years ago

> This was that "competent German pliances of the latest type. authorities and experts" and also, in Experience had proved the obsence of a Central German American machines were

# Britain Fights Coal Shortage And Snow

London, Feb. 12. The British turned desperately to its army and navy yesterday for ships and men, flame-throwers and buildozers to open coal supply lanes blocked by the worst winter storm in more than half a century.

Fighting a fuel and power famine that already has immobilised more than 4,000,000 workers, Primo Minister Aitlee and his Cobinet reviewed the crisis at a special meeting yesterday.

Shortly afterwards the War Office and the Admiralty were issued stand-by orders to give whatever help All kinds of expedients were con-

sidered, including the use of flamethrowers to clear snow-clogged rail lines, employment of submarines to generate electric power for coastal towns, and use of Radar to shepberd coal coasters through fog and loo. Also considered by the Cabinet as a further coal conservation

domestic power cuts to all the Island except northern Scotland. Warning of the possible extension was made officially at a Ministry of Fuel and Power press conference a few hours after the 10 Downlos Street session.

Coal savings resulting from Mon-

days drastic power cuts, a Ministry

measure was the extension of daily

spokesman reported, amounted to 22.500 tons, or about a third of normal consumption by generating stations.

"But," he added 'gloomily, "deliveries continue to be blocked by the >

## "NOT SO GOOD"

He remarked the public co-operation in voluntarily halting power consumption for five hours daily was "not so good to-day as on Monaldered this last United States proday." In many areas it is technically impossible to cut domestic power users from lines which also serve M. Gusev asked in what capacity

essential industries. "It is doubtful," announced Sir Guy Nott-Bower, Ministry Under-Secretary. "Whether at the close of yesterday the stock positions of the power stations in the restricted areas was much improved. Outside the restricted areas, the stock position

probably grow worse," He said the Government was not considering any plan to buy United States con to help tide the nation

through the crisis. Newspapers, only a few months ago granted, increased supplies of newsprint, announced they, will revert to reduced war-time size, beginning-Wednesday and continuing

until further notice. Many suburban, and, main line trains were withdrawn to clear the lines for priority coal shipments and London transport considered further service reduction after a peak hour traffic drop of more than 100,000 on

## Tuesday, Associated, Press.

BIG BEN BLACKED OUT London, Feb. 11. The duel crisis became complete memoranda or statements submitted first time since the end of the war.-

#### United Press. U.S. HELP UNLIKELY

. Woshington, Feb. 11. Industry sources to-day said they doubted if the United States could send any speedy relief to Britain in In the end a French compromise the coal shortages of England and

suggestion which came very close to | Wales. the Soviet's view was adopted by the They epined that Inck of ships and England's unfavourable trading posi-The views of the Allied Govern- | tion would hamper large scale help ments, it was agreed, were to be despite the fact that the American listed in alphabetical order, but soft coal production for the week were to be summarised briefly and ending February 1 set a 20-year peak direct quotations were to be avoided. with a total of 13,775,000 tons. United Press.

# Fire Brigade Says Goodbye To Some Old Friends

Once upon a time Hongkong could boast that it was the only city with fire engines driven by Rolls Royce motors. Now, all but one of these appliances, are offered for public auction next Friday. One is being retained to deal with small fires.

1941, but were kept for training the of 350 to 600 gations a minute. Auxillary Fire Brigade and ARP Referring to fire-dighting equip-

Mr. Smith disclosed that the Rolls station has its own latest equipment

Asked why the Brigade was dis- | efficient. They were each powered posing of its Rolls Royco engines, with a 70.4 hp motor with a pump-Mr McIntosh Smith, Chief Fire ing capacity of 1,500, gallong, per Officer, told the "Telegraph" to-day minute as compared with the old that they were actually replaced in type machines which have a capacity

ment, Mr. Smill sold that seach

He declared that the Hongkong by four American La France ap- Fire Brigade is an efficiently-run organisation with 14 modern apthese pliances and a complement of 404 highly well-trained men.

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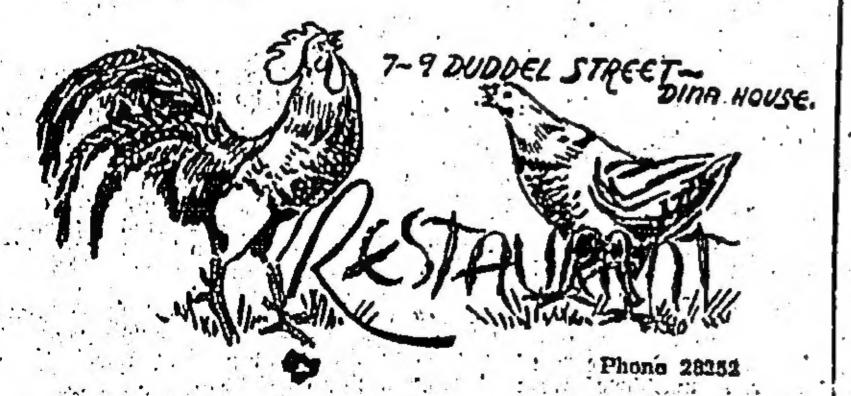
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# POCKET CARTOON



# WILLIAM HICKEY GREAT GI GREETER

TOM LANCER, colonel of the U.S. First Division and first mayor of Aix-la-Chapelle, has sent a silver shield to London necountant FRED SMITTH.

It bears the names of four Americans and an inscription an ambassador could envy-that Fred Smith "dld more to promote Anglo-Amerirelations than anyone we

Before American troops came over invalided out of the first war, took commission. that personally.

As his home was his club, he persuaded members to give open house to American officers, made THE desk on which the column is himself greeter.

In the first few days four turned up. They liked Smith and the news got around. He could talk: better still, he could listen, and he always bits of food. had the odd bottle tucked away.

Names on the shield are those of the original quartet, first of the hundreds who call Fred friend.

IN London looking for rare violins than 500 violins himself. .

Their firm in Chicago is the oldest of its kind in America, their rooms at Grosvenor House are piled with fiddle-cases, but they have not found another Stradivarius.

Between them they know all that is to be known about 509 Strads. have just published a life-time's study. Yet almost every day back home someone brings in an old fiddle ("been in the family for years") and inside is a Stradivari

And always it is the facsimile once much used in cheap violins: it describes the type, not the maker.

Carl plays the 'cello "a little"-Reub sticks to bridge.

NIOW this interests me a lot. Mrs. MABEL J. KINGSBURY of Worthing has been deaf for many years. She was thinking the other day what she would choose if given Just one chance to hear again. She writes:-

"After careful consideration I de- he recognised the growing reaction cided I would like to hear a good against the extreme conservatism of tenor singing that beautiful hymn the last two Cabinets.

What would you choose?

I ET us hope that Mr. Justice L WROTTESLEY did not expect to be taken seriously when suggesting that a "married" or "single" entry on an identity card would help to reduce bigamy. A little faking is so easy, would stop no would-be in large numbers to the Social

Except for keeping uncivil bureau- moderatism he wants, because it is crats in jobs, identity cards are divided into quarrelling Left and valueless and overdue for the scrap-heap.

Right wings. But the Socialists are generally closer to the middle. So-cialism itself will be less of an issue

OLD BAILEY reporter ERNIE fruitlessly. SPRING and nine other Rover At 2.30, 5.15, 7.15 & 9.15 p.m. Scouts made solemn covenant on the hill at Kensal Rise: that "whatever fortune, good or ill, befalls us we meet on the brow of the hill, 20 years hence."

> That was at 7 p.m. on December 23, 1926. All ten were there again, eight with wives.

pect the Communists either to lose DROM the "Domestics Wanted" column of a Lincolnshire news-

doclle, from seven-pinter, £4.

major support.

# Sitting on the

NOW the private affairs of In the Press are about to be investigated by a royal commission this column would like to say that it does not fear the strictest inquiries which may be considered in the public interest.

In fact, it has decided to save the royal commission a lot of trouble by making a few disclosures at once.

As royal commissions of inquiry are normally gluttons for detail, here are some which should satisfy the hungriest seeker after useless formation.

Since the column's 'typewriter Downs, is mainly full of dust. by hand, in pencil on sheets of paper ains, by 10ins. The pencils are 2Bs, about a 4in. In diameter.

cumference of the pencils because the column isn't sure that a hexagon

What's more, the column isn't sure about the diameter of a hexagon, years, either. Is it the line drawn between the apexes of two opposite triangles or the line drawn between any two opposite points dividing it in half?

Euclid except that "the angles at the causing the minimum inconvenience base of an isosceles triangle are to those who are paid (and therefore equal" and that "two parallel straight obliged) to read it and print it. lines will never meet" (like Stalin in strength Mr Churchill said he and Truman) it would be grateful hoped they would get a warm wels for any information from clever it an outrage that men should have come. Smith, heart-troubled, since readers which would help the royal to earn their living reading columns,

### Measurement

written is 44ins, wide, 33ins. deep and 30ins, high and is permanently covered by old newspapers, ash-trays, books, medicine bottles, eigarette ends, empty ten cups and

The only space left permanently clear is a space 8ins. by 10ins, to accommodate the sheets of writing paper. In order to get the facts right DVERY Thursday morning it wakes a tape measure has been added to L with the intention of writing the general confusion.

(or writhes, because it would rather are REUB OLSEN, round and be having a drink somewhere) is of will write a column a day for a week twinkling, with CARL BECKER, the swivel, office type which squeaks and take seven weeks off. Cassius-built, who has made more at every movement. As the writing squeaking.

> the column was young enough to has all Friday, all Saturday, kets and made some embarrassing to produce itself. So what is i investigations.

may push the country sharply to- defeated.

ward Socialism in a quest for

When General MacArthur ordered

That feeling is most articulate in

Tokyo, but it is reflected in key cities of central and southwestern

Honshu. "The people here," said one Military Government official, are

"looking mainly for a middle ground.

The Conservatives are too slow for

The little man is expected to turn

Democratic Party, now third in in-

than individual economic security which the little man is now seeking

Many American military observers

expect the Social Democrats to gain

enough power in the next election

at least to have a dominant voice in

the new Cabinet. However, the

rural areas probably will cling to the

traditional . Conservatism. They

should give the Government parties

-Liberal and Progressive-their

Military Government officials ex-

them and the extreme Leftists too

middle politics.

# Hence by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

The room, study, den, dump, or whatever you care to call it, in which because it hasn't any, ideas. On the windows overlooking Banatead

Apart from the dust there are some old clothes in one corner, a 7ins. long when new, hexagonal and wardrobe without a door in another, not even the ideas it didn't like. a cupboard full of empty bottles in another, and a lot of old books The column doesn't know the cir- draped in cobwebs all over the place.

Women are not allowed in unless can have a circumference. A cir- they are bearing trays of food. cumference is a line that bounds a Even a brief conversation with them

is not encouraged. Letters remain unanswered for

## Method

THE column is written at the last As the column has forgotten all its | L possible moment consistent with

> The column has always considered and tries to make their lives as happy as conditions will permit.

day until it can do either one of two mixed up with woives. things-write it or resign. As it can't make up its mind which to do until it is too late to resign without discovered the column goes hot all causing inconvenience to all con- over and turns its crimson face to THE column's political views are cerned, it rises before dawn on Fri- the wall, its appetite for breakfast day and writes it.

## Thursday

some of it on Thursday to avoid the The chair in which the column sits stampede on Monday. In its more virtuous moments it tells itself it

. Every Friday morning it wakes is almost continuous, so is the with nothing done, but consoles itself with the thought that, after all, it is The late Sally the Cat once thought only Friday. It tells itself that it keep white mice in its trouser poc- Sunday, and even Monday morning worrying about?

## It is either ashamed of what it has directly to the Government. written, or it has made one of its mistakes, unnoticed in the proof.

come" when it meant "earned in- from the good women, this means come," and got mixed up in its geo- that most of its income has gone It is written at the last possible graphy. The week before it got the directly or indirectly to the Governmoment because it puts off the evil story of the fox and the grapes ment,

Sunday it is in a panie and can't

think about or remember anything,

On Monday it is a snarling, scrib-

bling beast, hating the innocent

people in the office who are wniting

for it and cursing the nervous

women at home when they knock

On Wednesday it feels obliged to

gotten all about itself.

When one of these mistakes is

So Wednesday is normally a day for self-analysis and abasement, Which it should be, of course,

## Material

facts about newspapers which are future of the Conservative Party already known, it may turn its any more than it believes in the restless attention to such trivialities future of hansom cabs. as who writes columns, what they write about and why.

process of observation and reasoning, believes. Moreover it doesn't bethat film columns are written about lieve that its views, political or films, theatre columns about theatres. otherwise, have the slightest effect political columns about politics, and on the views of its readers.

Japan's Socialists ticular column is written about (and the impact of experience on their why) it will be a very clever com- consciences. Facts, not opinion, will mission indeed, because the column awaken their consciences. itself doesn't know.

written about anything or nothing, itself, but mostly nothing. Its subject The R.C. might ask: "If you don't material is the whole world, a fact think the column's views have any which makes it rather nervous. The effect on readers, why has it exvastness of its choice makes it in- pressed them?" The answer is that decisive and may be the reason why it probably couldn't think of anyit puts things off till the last possible thing else at the time.

But when it is not writing about the column owns any shares in this The little man in Japan's cities tives, but both are expected to be itself as it is now, it lives rather newspaper or any other, the answer defeated.

The Socialists clearly have indicated they intend to inaugurate up and make fools of themselves. is NO.

It waits, watching for others to slip any kir Socialism as quickly as possible upon gaining power. However, this might through the parliamentary reports, not be with such thorough com- why it wears its eyes out reading the Government to hold a new pleteness as in Britain.—Associated the silliest things when it ought to be reading good books.

If the royal commission finds that there is no point in writing a column mainly about nothing, this column will probably be the first to agree with it.

## Motive?

If the royal commission asks this question, the answer is that there is no motive but greed.

The column does not believe in writing for anything but money, and gets as much as it possibly can.

But this does not mean that it will write anything for money. If you offered it £1,000,000,000 it wouldn't Saturday it does nothing because it write anything, or offer any opinion, doesn't like the ideas it has. On it didn't believe in. That is, not

> What it believes may be rubbish. But that's not the point. It believes

unless the money was tax free.

So far as money is concerned, the column is like the girl in the song. "poor but honest," but, unlike the girl, has not succumbed to a rich man's whim. But in fairness to the timidly at the door to bring it food, rich man, it must be said that he never attempted seduction. There-Tuesday is its only day free from fore the column may not be so anxieties because it has then for virtuous after all.

The column is poor, not because it is badly paid; it is very well paid. But not so fantastically well paid as WEDNESDAY is probably its worst the gossips and know-alls make

It is poor because for many years read itself and usually feels a fool, more than half its income has gone

It is also poor because it has spent the rest of its money on bad whisky, Last week it wrote "uncarned in- good women, and eigarettes. Apart

## Slightly Left

Left, as observed by Sir David Maxwell Fyfe in the House of Com-

But it is not extreme. Left and it is not slavishly Left. It is as willing to offer criticism of the Left as it is to offer criticism of the

It is Left mainly for two reasons. It believes in a fairer distribution of WHEN the royal commission has wealth and is certainly suffering for exhausted itself discovering its beliefs. It does not believe in the

It does not ask anybody to share its beliefs. It must confess that it It will discover, by the normal doesn't care what any individual

It thinks that people's views are If it can discover what this par- dictated either by their characters or

Well, that's about all the column It can only suggest that it is can tell the royal commission about

And if the R.C. wants to know if

It has never owned any shares of

any kind anywhere at any time. It has told you what it does with

# According To Culbertson

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The slam contract in to-day's deal eight spot-and, of course, on good

South, dealer. North-South vulnerable.

Gaining Strength

By RUSSE LL BRINES

fluence. It does not offer him the NORTH · 5 4 8. ♥Q372 \* IL 3 2 4035

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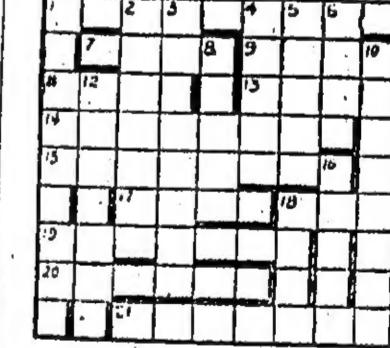
The bidding: South West North Fark Stanfords Frank Stanfords Frank Plant Print Print Print

form a joint front. Osaka, for in- criticise any individual bid. Any- play. It could only be a spade, of Nanny, nine months, hornless, stance, elected two Communists to way, South came through with flying course, and this lead came up to dethe current House of Representa- colours.

West opened his top heart, which depended on so small a card as an | certainly seemed to be the safest lead from his hand. Dummy's jack and East's kings were played, and South ruffed. Right here, at the first trick, declarer was in possession of some highly interesting information. Obviously, the lead of the heart ten was a "top-card lead"-West scarcely would have opened away from an ace-ten. Thus, East was absolutely marked with the heart ace, and the burning question became: who had

the heart eight? With nothing to lose by the effort, declarer decided to play West for that important eard. He went to dummy with a trump and led the heart queen through East, who of course covered with the ace. (Otherwise South would have discarded a spade then and there). South ruffed, returned to dummy with another trump, and ruffed the heart deuce. Now he cashed his three club tricks, ending in dummy, and hopefully led the heart seven. When East failed to cover with the eight—for the best possible reason! declarer knew he influence in the ballotting or to withdraw in favour of the Socialists, high for the combined holdings of carded his low spade, giving West with whom they eventually hope to North and South, it is difficult to the trick and waited for West's next clarer's major tennee.

CROSSWORD



. Open taper (anna.). (B) before you can solve it. 14)

13. Take care to compete in it. (4) 15. What makes a rein tear? (8)
17. Bole. (4)
18. Feature. (3)
19. The round of the judges. (7)
20. Bea. branch of the Mediterranean. (6)
21. Byre. (3, 4)

2. Not a short treatise or anything like it, it's mechanical. (7)
3. Bewitch and go in. (8)
4. A well-known isle. (5)
5. What we are all waiting for. (5)
6. Ache for a change. (4)

Put off. (8) 10. Put off. (8)
12. They are on the other side. (7)
16. Suggests the R.A.'s malden
name. (5)
18. Draw. (4)

Bolution of yesterday's puzzle, — Acress;

Pencirate: 8, Rap; 10; Tool; 13, Irony;

15; Bat; 14, Beins; 15, Octagonal; 17;

Plerso; 20, Ermine; 21, Roo; 22, Badden;

13, Nero; 24, Money Dewns 1, Prisoner;

14, Mr-ache; 3, Etna; 4, Toys; 5, Romeo;

25, Albino; 7, Echelon; 9, Potterer; 11, Planter; 16, Arms; 16, Biam; 19, End.

Nancy Makes It a Habit













When You Feel Tired and Restless Elliotts Nerve Brain Tonic

By Ernie Bushmiller

On Sole at All Dispensaries







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BATTLE OF

ATLANTIC

Britain is winning the peace-

opens the fight with their new

With the Queen Elizabeth already

ever passenger demand, British

Cunard White-Star Lines can con-

The two main tendencies in Trans-

1. Medium sized, fairly conserva-

2. Super-liners, modern, revolu-

tionary, high speed, with a 2,000 to

2,500 passenger capacity, capable of

attracting the weathlest passengers.

Britain unhesitatingly plumped for

first. But now there is a third and,

Ship Of Future

The Transatlantic liner of the

next decade may be of 30,000 tons.

At present the United States Lines,

faster than the Elizabeth. She will

In the meantime, it is undoubtedly

irritating to the Americans—not to

say exceedingly unprofitable—that

enter, and the half inillion who leave

'Old Tom' Silent

After Years

In the bustling country town

of Amersham, Buckinghamshire,

"Old Tom," 18th century bell in

the Town Hall clock, will never

again strike the hours. It is to

be replaced by an electric clock

The clock ceased to function pro-

perly after British troops, billeted

in the Town Hall before embarking

for the Normandy landings, climbed

to the top of the tower, one night

and stopped it because "Old Tom"

All efforts by the local authorities

"Now "Old Tom" will be rung only

Rupert and Ninky-33

Shimming gracefully over the bat-

tlements of the Castle the small

plane alights on a lofty courtyard and at once a Toy Soldier on guard comes marching up. "What do you

Scout? he demands You're

supposed to bring toys, not visitots.

Those are the orders of Santa

Claus." The Scout helps Rupert out and smiles. "Don't worry." he

says." This is Rupert Bear and I've

brought, him; here's specially; to see

Santa Claus and we want to see him

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"DEAR LOIS LEEDS"

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Cleanse well, then go over the skin with a dampened pad of cotton. Then dip the cotton pad in skin lotion and go over the skin again. Blend on water, makeup lotlon in a Beige tone. Be sure that there is no Pink cast. Stroke until perfectly blended, then blot dry with a cosmetle tissue. No rouge is necessary. Pat' and brush on lace powder till you got a nice mat finish.

Now use a lipstick in a Rose-Red shade. Brush the eyebrows and lashes. Use a touch of eyeshadow and stroke the eyelashes with mascara. Hair swept into a high coiffure would blend in beautifully and a deep "V" neckline swould add to the charming picture.

"Dear Lois Leeds-Are long gloves, made of dress material, worn?-M. C." Yes, and they are very smart! If you are clever at sowing you could maké a pair from a pattern.

"Dear Lois Leeds-What will" smooth dry, rough skin?-J. R." Proper diet and proper skin care. No soap and water for at least tendays. A light patting with 3 parts of cold cream and 2 parts of cosmetic oil. A cream mask treatment twice a week until you see results.

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GRBRIELLE

"Dear Lois Leeds-Please repeat the mask used in bleaching light

freckles.—J. M." Here it is. Mix the white of one egg with the juice of one lemon. Blend in sufficient ontmeal or almond meal to make a thin paste. Apply to the face, arms, back; wherever your freckles gather. Leave on until dry. Rinse off with warm



NEW ANGLE on white-collared frocks is this ting collar, anowed under with white secuins. Sequins also spatter shoulders and bodies. (Drawn by Virginia.)

# Hair Rinses To Match Gowns

A new Institute of Hairdressing, just opened in London, promises to give an important lead to coiffeurs electricity and been cut off for some in Britain. It will enable them to go to London from all over the country to learn advanced hairstyling and have a refresher course.

Mr. Charles Plumridge, the wellknown hair-stylist, who started the Institute, has some firm views on what women want to do with their hair in these postwar years. He regularly. disagrees, for instance, with the suggestion that short hair has come had crumbled from the walls and back to stay. Women, on the con- ceilings, and dust hung heavily on trary, will prefer longer hair, is his the intered velvets and brocades. belief.

Most of the new styles at the Institute are dressed high, especially for evening. The backs are awathed and upswept. For daylime wear with hats the hair was dropped at the back and criss-cross on the neck. peps up the dullest skin. Try to Even new colours are being inleave on for twenty minutes any troduced. It is possible today for mask that you use. Relax while it a woman to bring a piece of her works. This is the next best thing evening dress and have a rinse to match; the colour can be washed out in the morning.

## SIDE GLANCES

to having ,n beauty treatment in n

A mask treatment once a week

## By . Galbraith



bu giris will have to quit this arguing every morning—

tot John wear his own shirt for a change!"

# Exile In Siberia For Soviet Atom Scientist

Russia's most brilliant atomic scientist, Dr Peter Kapliza, one-time professor at Cambridge University, has been exiled to Siberia, according to American Embassy sources in London.

A' tragic story, not unlike 1° Canada's atomic bomb treason trial, revolves around Kapitza's numerous international connections, which led the 53-year-old professor to continue a wide correspondence with scientists throughout the world until the time of his arrest.

This lifetime habit of exchanging ideas and information came under close surveillance after Kapitza, was given charge of Soviet atomic re-search and, although he pleaded that his letters contained no reference to nuclear research, he was found guilty of "criminal negligence."

The American Embassy at Moscow, however, believes the Soviet will nttempt to make him continue his work during his exile.

The sentence is not necessarily severe, merely cutting Kapitza off from international contacts.

In 1936 Kapitza surprised the world by leaving Cambridge University to journey to Moscow, where he lectured to the Academy of Science. .

### A former Czarist, he agreed to become a Russian citizen on the Soviet offering to equip a huge laboratory under his personal direction.

# Lonely Old Man Dies Beside Wife

Unable to live without his wife, William Roberts, 56-yearold American musical genius, and the Queen Mary ready for dressed himself in frayed finery sailings this month in the greatestwhen she died, then lay down beside her body and died of a broken heart or starvation.

The couple, who were once now realise their great mistake when, wealthy, lived in a 20-room mansion. some years ago, they turned from building super-liners to the medium-They were poverty-stricken, but were too proud to ask for help or to sell any of the priceless antiques with which the house was filled. atlantic liners are:

Police were summoned by neighbours when they heard the Roberts' dog whining.

The dog refused to let police enter the bedroom where the dead couple were lying, and police had to shoot

On a bed was the emaciated body of the second course; Americans, after Mrs Roberts, who had not been outtheir Leviathan experience, for the side the house for 20 years.

Beside her was her dead husband, as yet, unplanned tendency. faultlessly attired in frayed trousers, soft white shirt, flowing black tie, black frock cont and even a broadbrimmed hat.

Only Piano Dusted The couple, who had been dead

owners of the America, are planning about a fortnight, had lived in the a 40,000-tonner, half the size of the one room for some time. Gas and "Queens." They want her to be years and they had cooked their food cost, it is thought, something like in-an-open fireplace.

The once stately mansion was filled with beautiful furniture, exquisite cut glass and silver, and a large musical library. A grand plane was the only thing foreign ships should carry the main the house that had been dusted Jority of the million odd people who

Throughout the house the plaster annually.

# MISERY FOR SUFFERERS OF ULCERS

There would be a tremendous reduction in human misery if gomeone discovered a permanent cure for stomach ulcers, or could say what causes them, said a leading Harley St specialist re-

Gastric and duodenal ulcers cause only one per cent. of deaths, but when they recur or persist for years to restart the clock failed, and when on end, they surely ronk with major the clock was dismantled recently it Ill-health.

Actual formation of a stomach ulcer occurs in this way: The digentive juices attack a weak spot in the stomach lining and simply digest, or partly digest, the wall of the stomach.

The spot then becomes raw, painful, and the presence of the digestive juices prevents it from healing up. What couses this? It can't be the neld in the stomach, as many belleve, because everyone has neld, but not everyone has gastrie ulcers, said the doctor.

Protective Substance Research in America suggests that there is a protective substance in the body which prevents the gastric juices from digesting the stomach, and that a lack of this leads to

It is also known that ulcers cause more deaths among poor than the rich-stomach ulcers, that is. Duodenal wicers, a stage further along in the digestive system, are commoner among higher social grades. Other confusing data about ulcers: they run in families; they depend on the personality of the subject; they depend upon environment; they can sometimes be cured by removing a source of worry, said the specialist.

# WINDOW ON THE WORLD

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Rome.-- A group of Rome black marketeers in food are to use the Rome City Council for suppressing their market because they say they have been paying the Council £0,000 a month in market licences.

### DIGGEST EAST OF SUEZ

Bombay.—The biggest floating dock made East of Sucz lies complete, though in halves, in Bombay harbour. Capable of docking ships of 50,000 tons displacement, the dock was made to the British Admiralty's order and cost over £1,000,000. is a self-contained mid-sea repair unit -885 feet long, 172 feet broad, and contains 20,000 tons of steel-oll made in India.

#### VISAS FOR JERRIES

Stockholm.—The Swedish nuthorities have granted visas to 1,500 German men, women and children to enter Sweden with permission to work and settle down there. Allied authorities in Germany are granting these people exit visas.

These people have to prove by means of a written statement by two reliable Swedes that they have not been Nazis and have done no military service in Denmark or Norway. Swedish public opinion is, not entirely pleased with this move.

#### THEY SHARED A CELL Paris,-A form labourer and

air force sergeant shared a cell in Rochefort prison and wondered at 20th Century judicial logic. The farmer owed the sergeant some money and couldn't pay it so he offered his 14-year-old daughter in exchange. The deal was made, time Battle of the Atlantic-a papers signed. She ran home and bloodless, friendly battle be- was taken back. Then she left the sergeant. The two approached the tween British and American steamship companies competing police to find her-and wound up in the cooler.

### FATAL IOOTH BIRTHDAY

With the two "Queens," Britain Toronto.-Drinking and smoking has won the first round. America in moderation never harmed anyone, sald William Henry Johnston on his. 100th birthday. A few days later he died of burns caused when his mustache caught fire while lighting carrying 2,200 passengers each trip, his pipe.

SOME CAN DO IT Now York.-Victor Sardi, once a dishwasher in London's Old Victoria Restaurant, is retiring as proprietor of Broadway's best known restau-The Americans, on the other hand, | runt.

#### FELT A FOOL

Rome.-Pletro Gongiovanni, 17year-old Rome student, was tired of an unsuccessful love affair, so decided on a dramatic suicide. At midnight in an old Roman temple he drew his knife to stab himself, fainted with fright and woke up in hospital. "I do feel a fool," he told tively designed ships, economical and doctors.

UNHAPPY ENDING Johannesburg. - Miss Barbara

Evans of Durban was making wedding arrangements when she heard that her flance, George Owens, second in command of the City of Lincoln salvage operations off the Cape Coast, had been injured. She caught a special plane but half

way, to destination learned by wireless that Owens had died in an explosion aboard the stricken liner. Miss Evans flew over the wreck later, and scattered the ashes of her finnce, who was cremated.

## BIZARRE INCIDENT

Rome.-Emilia Monforte, 55, recently dismissed from a mental home, has been playing the piano, reading - French - novels, cooking, washing, ironing and shining the shees of her 57-year-old brother, Manllo, who had been dead in the house for 24 days. A friend discovered the death and reported to the police. They had to smash the door as Emilia refused to open it, shouting: "Leave me alone with the big toy I have wanted since I was a

CHOO CHOO MOVIES . Washington.—An express train which runs daily between Washington and Cincinnati will show films, some of them British, twice nightly free of charge. ..

## DEATH SHIP

Calculta.—Sometime in October the world's first death ship sailed from Calcutta. It was a specially constructed American transport which carried the remains of some 4,000 American soldiers and airmen who died in SEAC fighting. "LEAD" POISONING

.Nuremburg.-In the desperate days of September 1944, after the fall of Paris, German scientists were ordered to produce effective, poison bullets. They designed one and tried it out on concentration camp

prisoners. The bullets were of 7.65 'callbre and filled with crystals of aconitin nitrate. Having been made to lie diseases as a source of misery and was found that the parts could not down, five men were shot in the upper part of the left thigh. No effects of poison being observed, two were reprieved.

With the other three, motor agitation set in and foaming saliva flowed so quickly swallowing could not cope with it. They died eventual-

#### WENT BERSERK Sofia,-A flour mill owner Assenovgrad killed six in an excess

of madness after being unable take possession of his mill from the tenants because of an unfavourable court decision. Single-handed he resisted 20 workers until armed militia arrived.

## Not Worried With 300 Spare Rooms

rooms. Their home is an old, disused methods of its use. passenger steamer, which has lain at bour for nine years.

sidewheel boat.-Associated Press.

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# Streptomycin

patients who are dangerously M. Melbourne. This drug is not yet generally evaluable for treatment in Britain, though it is obtainable in limited says. quantities in America.

bother Harry Platt of Toronto. For trials are completed it is, not postively in a "house" with 300 spare sible to assess the value claimed for but he said he knew when to start. the drug and to determine the best

### WARNING FROM HUSBAND OF 83 Don't take your wife an early

morning cup of tea in bed or you Appeals are from time to time may wreck your marriage. made by hospital authorities and . That is the advice given by 83doctors in Britain for supplies of years-old. George Newnham on his streptomycin for the treatment of diamond wedding anniversary in "Tea in bod only encourages young

wives to be lazy and possessive," he "Of course, later in life wives de-

Clinical trials are being carried serve morning ten," he added. The housing shortage does not out in Britain by the Medical Mr Newnham admitted that he had

The Ministry of Health emphasised this drug at present to justify action

Dead End anchorage in Toronto har- that streptomycin is potentially to make it more freely available. dangerous and may cause perious Stops are being taken to accelerate. Platt works at home, too. He is in effects in the patient, including production in Britain so that supthe watchman of the big, four-deck, permanent giddiness and deafness, plies may be available if the clinical sidewheel boat.—Associated Press. and that insufficient is known about trials prove invourable.

# Condemned Man Is Divorced

London, Feb. 12. Walter Graham Rowland, 38year-old convicted murderer heard yesterday that his appeal against the second death sentence passed on him had been dismissed.

With the dismissal came the revelation that his wife had been granted a divorce in December. which had been kept secret so that the murder trial jury might not be prejudiced.

Rowland was sent to Borstol in 1927 for the attempted murder by strangling of a 16-year-old girl, Ann On his release he married, and

after his wife's death remarried His second wife was the girl he had once tried to kill, Ann Schoffeld. In 1934 Rowland strangled his twoyear-old baby daughter and war sentenced to death, though he con-sistently pleaded his innocence. This sentence was commuted to one of life imprisonment but he served

Again Protested Innocence Rowland was sentenced to death again in January for the murder of introduced an emergency programme n 40-year-old woman on a bombed by which current is to be switched site in Manchester. Again he pro- off except for a short period during tested his innocence.

only six years before being released

to join the army in 1940,

It was while this trial was pending that his wife claimed and was granted a divorce on the grounds of cruelty.

The condemned man had based his appeal on a "confession" said to Commission announced to-day. have been made by a fellow prisoner who is stated to have admitted the killing, and on Monday when he heard the Lord Chief Justice dismiss his appeal Rowland shouted, as he had done so often before: "I am an innocent man." It is now considered likely that his solicitor will ask for leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

David John Ware, a clerk who is not be called on to give the "confession" which the authorities it is stated, believe is false,-Associated

# REDS ATTACK PEIPING GATE

Pelping, Feb. 12. Government military leaders held an emergency conference in the wake of the Chinese Communists' most daring raid on the east gate of Peiping.

Chinese newspapers reported the

attackers fired several buildings, killed 200 persons and freed 68 prisoners from a Government Init. The few hundred defenders around the east gate where the attack was centred called for an armoured train to repel the hit and run assault. One report said the Communists smashed through the east gate, Buildings reported to be set affre-

another said some scaled the wall. were a district government building, housing, a jail, a police station, a railroad depot, a water tower, supply offices, an army hospital and a military building.—Associated Press.

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# Europe In Grip Of Icy Weather

London, Feb. 11. In many parts of Europe Ice, snow and bitterly low temperatures have dislocated transport, held up food supplies and clouded the wheels of industry, Reuter despatches from continental centres said to-night.

The freeze-up of German inland waterways has deprived Hamburg of coal supplies. With stocks availnble to last only two and a half days, the city's electric power works has the day.

Forty-four person died from frostbite in Hamburg between January 1 and February 4, while 152 persons suffering from frost-bite were admitted to hospital, the British Control

The American-controlled port of Bremen is clogged by nearly 150,000 tons of wheat and flour products which cannot be forwarded because of traffic dislocation, the German news service in the United States Zone reported.

The agency also reported that planes will drop bombs on the ice which has formed on the Rhine over Lorelei Rock.

It is feared that when the thaw will be carried away by floods. Ice-floes in the Po river, in northern Italy, have smashed the main and the usually smiling Gusev bridge over the river at Pincenza. Scheveningen, Holland, the crew of a Dutch trawler reported having had to hack their ship free at each other," one of Gen Clark's from the ice before they could return | nides said.

Extraordinary cold was reported from Oslo. Sixty-six degrees of "pan-Germanic propaganda of any frost was registered at Engerdal, nature" into the section forbidding Frost, together with labour shortage Austria ever again to seek an, anfor woodcutting and transport, has caused difficulty in maintaining supplies of fuel.—Reuter.

# CURRENCY SLUMP

# CHIANG SEEKS **ADVICE**

Shanghai, Feb. 12. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek asked his leading financial and economic advisers for suggestions to end the nation's financial debacle. For the third straight day the Chinese national currency dropped at record speed losing as much as 2.000 points in a single hour in

relation to the US dollar. The Chinese dollar plunged to 19,000 to one US dollar on the blackmarket-a one day drop of 4,500

From Canton to Pelping the price of rice soared.

Hoarders cleaned out stocks in many shops in Shanghai. In many cities merchants withdraw their stocks rather than sell for the cheapening currency,--- Asso-ciated Press.

Washington, Feb. 12. The United States . government expressed growing concern to-day over China's deepening economic crisis, most prominently evidenced at present by the nation's sagging

Through a States department spokesman, the government said it was following developments in China 995 passengers. most closely and was receiving constant information thereof from the Embassy at Nanking and the Consulate-General at Shanghai but declined to disclose the nature of these advices.—Associated Press.

## Etna Activity Causes Panic Among Villagers

Catania, Feb. 11. A wave of panic swept small villages on the slopes of Mount Etna to-day when the loftiest volcano in Europe showed renewed signs of activity. Masses of molten lava and ashes were hurled high in the air from the volcano, illuminating the truncated central cone of Etna which has been silent since 1917.

Although the observation station advised that there was no danger, the terror-stricken inhabitants of the village of Nicolosi marched in a supplicatory procession to the outskints of the village reaching the locality of Alterelli where they prayed in a chapel.—United Press.

# Mark Clark Lectures

London, Feb. 11. Plain-spoken General Mark Clark to-day bluntly informed the Soviet deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Feodor Gusev, that the United States would not agree to any clause in the proposed Austrian peace treaty which would give the Soviet Union, or any other nation, excuse to interfere in Austria's internal affairs. -

In a sizzling session at un- | schluss or not," said he resented Gen serving a sentence for theft, may a five kilometre stretch near the heated Lancaster House, Gen Clark lectured Mr Gusev on affairs. comes, the temporary Rhine bridges | American principles concerning freedom of speech and press,

> also lost his temper. "We stopped just short of shooting

The row started when Mr Gusev throughout Norway, in a message attempted to insert a clause banning schluss with Germany.

Mr Guscy, while insisting the treaty must ban pan-Germanic propaganda, "whether aimed at an an-

# More Refugees For Australia

Melbourne, Feb. 11. The Australian Immigration Minister, Mr Arthur Calwell, stated to-day that the Australian Government had no part in arranging passoges in the Dutch liner John de Witt, which left Marseilles on Satur--day-with-a-reported-total-of-nearly-1.000 Jewish refugees from Poland, Austria and Hungary on board.

He added that the ship, on her way to Australia via Batavia, Java, was not under any form of charter to the Australian Government.

Most of the landing permits had been issued over a year ago on the application of close relatives who were able to guarantee the immigrants maintenance and accommodation as refugees or displaced victims of enemy persecution.

The Duich Shipping Ministry, Mr Calwell said, had advised Mr Frank Keith, an officer of the office of the Austrolian Minister to the Netherlands that the liner was carrying 600 persons with landing permits for settlement in Australia. He had no knowledge of the reported figure of

He had pressed for a 25 per cent limit of passages to Jewish aliens bu was advised that considerable hardship would ensue if the embarkation plans were not followed.—Reuter.

# Byrd's Rapid Progress Through Ice Barrier

Aboard Icebreaker North Wind, Feb. 11. Over 1,000 members of the U.S. Navy's Antarctic party crowded the decks of the five vessels evacuating them from Little America to-day and watched the conquest of Ross Ice Barrier.

Rear Admiral Cruzen was clated over the rapid progress of the surface of this great cheet the convoy. He said the shepherding of the two icebreakers Glant slabs of ice were hurled atop one another and immeherding of the two icebreakers Glant slabs of ice were hurled atop one another and immeherding of the two icebreakers Glant slabs of ice were hurled atop one another and immeherding of the two icebreakers Glant slabs of ice were hurled atop one another and immeherding of the two icebreakers Glant slabs of ice were hurled atop one another and immeherding of the two icebreakers Glant slabs of ice were hurled atop one another and immeherding of the two icebreakers Glant slabs of ice were hurled atop one another and immeherding of the two icebreakers Glant slabs of ice were hurled atop one another and immeherding of the two icebreakers Glant slabs of ice were hurled atop one another and immeherding of the two icebreakers Glant slabs of ice were hurled atop one another and immeherding of the two icebreakers Glant slabs of ice were hurled atop one another and immeherding of the two icebreakers Glant slabs of ice were hurled atop one another and immeherding of the two icebreakers Glant slabs of ice were hurled atop one another and immeherding of the two icebreakers Glant slabs of ice were hurled atop one another and immeherding of the two icebreakers Glant slabs of ice were hurled atop one another and immeherding of the two icebreakers Glant slabs of ice were hurled atop one another and immeherding of the two icebreakers Glant slabs of ice were hurled atop one another and immeherding of the two icebreakers Glant slabs of ice were hurled atop one another and immeherding of the two icebreakers Glant slabs of ice were hurled atop one another and immeherding of the two icebreakers Glant slabs of ice were hurled atop one another and immeherding of the two icebreakers Glant slabs of ice were hurled atop one another another another hurled atop one another another hurled atop one another another hurled atop for the party to reach Scott ahead of schedule.

With the approach of the Antare- rier was enough to make past ex- Perhaps, the loss of several of my Reuter. tic winter, icebergs of all sizes peditions to race for open waters to friends and everything I possessed drifted north from the Polar con- the north. But to-day the two most was my fault? tinent and south from Scott Island destructive leebreakers ever con-

ly formidable as the southern winter party still at Little America.— By Golly! the war's still on.

Crazy Patterns

Island on Monday, itwo days up by the boats froze instantly into inflate that credit? disordered mass.

ble through a barrier that was well those frozen masses into an historic real trial at the end of this month maskee the 50% increase. barrier that will become increasing- when they return to evacuate the United Press.

Clark's inference that the Soviet

would interfere in Australia's internal

Gen Clark snapped back that he only knew what he had seen during his 18 months as member of the Allied Control Council in Vienna. Soviet Extremes

American sources here said the ruling against pan-Germanic propaganda in a repeated effort to supreference to Germany which was and the Agence France Presse not derogatory."

Sources close to Gen Clark said he feared Soviet interpretation of off. the proposed clause might concelyably go so far as to include speaking German, playing German music or presentation of German operas.

They said the Soviet member of the Control Council once attempted to penalise a newspaper for ar article which stated; "Austria retains some of Germany's best cultural heritage."

Prohibition of the anschluss was agreed upon in principle, with the United States agreeing to the French and British proposals thereon, which provided exclusion of pan-Germanic activities. The deputies also agreed on the human rights clause,-United

# CORRESPONDENCE

## CUSTODIAN OF PROPERTY CHARGES

(The Editor, H.K. Telegraph)

Sir,-In these days of democratic autocracy it is gratifying to find a public champion of (lost?) causes, With reference to your leader in Saturday's issue of the Telegraph concerning Custodian furniture, the least I can say is that it was timely. I had thought that we (the buyers at pistol point) had been left to the mercies of a rapacious government.

I am one of the fortunate unfortunates or unfortunate fortunates, be that of some of my pals who ed against possible retaliatory action. were interned either at Shamshulpo | - United Press, or Stanley, and who in turn, probably, have been asked to buy some of what was mine); and the pre-war we'd paid for already).

increase that valuation 50% for the children from Palestine: purposes of purchase is grossly unfair. There are those I know, who are not being evacuated. neither fought for Hongkong nor suffered internment; who lost little if be granted to British subjects withanything and who, I strongly sub- out reference to the Palestine aumit, were not entitled to the ameni- thorities. In the present situation ties of Custodian furniture; and only urgent and important cases are then there are those like myself who being referred.-Reuter. spent three years and eight months in Shamshuipo while the Japs took all we had. It is on the latter majority (it pleases me to think that, perhaps, we are a majority) Mrs Helen Friedmann, sister of Dov that the imposition falls.

It is almost Hitlerism to sayly beggars the question to argue that layed at Gander, Newfoundland, by

I don't know what other valuations bank to meet in an area where the structed were crashing without trou- were, but I do know that the stuff (it's nothing more) I've got could Already a gigantic ice sheet has on its way to becoming formidable. have been bought pre-war for twocoated the waters and has joined The two vessels will have their thirds of what, is being asked-

# DEVELOPMENT

Development Fund had allocated by furs, manganese. Asheries proformation, and opportunities for £650,000, for rehabilitation ducts and flax. Russian tariffs economists' conferences. work on the island which was devastated during the war.

Mr Twining said that there was no opposition by the Charlered Company of North Borneo, former administrators of the territory, to annexation by Britain and it had been agreed to leave the question of compensation to arbitration by Lord Justice Uthwatt of the Court of Ap-

Mr Twining will sail to-morrow in HMS Oppossum for his installation ceremony, which will be held in Jesselton on Saturday.

Brilish North Borneo, administered by the chartered company of that name for 64 years, was ceded to the British Empire on July 15, 1946 .-Reuler.

# STRIKE OFF

Paris, Feb. 11. The National Journalists Soviet had used an early Council Union to-day announced that the strike, which lasted two press newspapers which "made any hours among Paris newspapers news agency, had been called

According to the announcement the publishers agreed to increase the editorial pay by 121/2 percent.

Despite the Union announcement, all Paris afternoon newspaper buildings were still picketed and it was understood that other parts of the staff, except for the . typographical workers, were seeking a 15 percent

Press hands struck for more pay last month, depriving Paris of newspapers for eight days.—United Press.

## IEWS REIECT PLAN

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launch into a secret area of the harbour as a routine measure in guaranteeing the harbour's safety. The authorities did not expect any major trouble until the death sentences on three Irgun Zval Leumi extremists were confirmed and the position of the Irgunist; Dov Gruner, was cleared up.

The Irgunists were scheduled broadcast for their secret station to-

morrow night. Six persons were detained to-day out of 123 screened at Tel-Avly during the police search of hotels, cafes and cinemas. Outside of progressive fuel for the colony during 1946. restrictions on traffic and communications throughout Palestine, no new precautions have been taken in the past 24 hours. Officials whichever you will, who is in denied that the military judges who possession of so-called Enemy pro- sentenced the three Irgunists to death perty (though it is more likely to yesterday were being heavily guard-

## EVACUATION QUERIES

London, Feb. 11. Lord Hall (formerly Mr George valuation of that furniture, was, in Hall, Colonial Secretary) gave the principle, fair enough (even though following replies in the House of t did mean paying again for what Lords to a series of questions by the Labour peer, Lord Strabolgi, on the However, for government now to evacuation of British women and British Jews and foreign national

No entry permits for Palestine wil

PLANE HELD UP

New York, Feb. 11. Trans-World Airline officials said here to-day that the plane in which Gruner, Jewish terrorist under sentence of death in Jerusalem, was on Take it or leave it, and it complete- her way to Palestino has been de- nearly 200 a month), the minor

see General Sir Alan Cunningham, pected—may make it possible terns. The snow covering the ice . If the proceeds are to be credited Palestine High Commissioner, and clung to the slabs as they were to the Japanese Reparations bill, leading military authorities as roon hurled aside, and the water tossed why are we, of all people, forced to as she arrived in Palestine. "My trip is only for my brother's Or am I wrong? Do we owe the sake," she added. "There is no The thinnest coating of Ross Bar- Japa something or do they owe us? other reason for my going."--

## Stalin Elected

London, Feb. 11. Generalissimo Stalin was elected unanimously in all districts where he budgetary subcommittee to-day. stood as candidate for election to the Bullets have stopped flying, but, Supreme. Soviet Ropublics of the Soviet Union on Sunday, the Moscow Radio reported to-day.-Router.

# American Trade With Russia Expanding

Washington, Feb. 11. Development of United States economic relations with Soviet Russia will be a most significant aspect of world economy in 1947, according to the opinion of some high authorities here.

between Washington and Mos- pation.

States-USSR economy will be determined in 1947:

CRANT FOR

NORTH BORNEO

Singapore, Feb. 11.

The Governor-Designate of North Borneo, Mr Edward Twining, who will leave Singapore to-morrow for Jesselton to take up his new post, disclosed to-day that the Colonial Welfare Development Fund had allocated £650.000.

for rechabilitation teatment on for the common teating on soviet-American trade, especial-life for reciprocity will hold hearings on commodities involved in the proposed reciprocity agreement with the UssR, but has a general commercial agreement with the UssR, but has a general commercial agreement dated August 4, 1941, by which Soviet Russia gets a most-favoured-nation treatment on tariff cuts accorded to other countries. Many commodities involved in the public hearings will have a bearing on Soviet-American trade, especially furs, manganese. Isheries professions in the coming year will largely determine whether the world can anticipate a "global conomy" with international cooperation comparable to that made possible by the "global war" concept of former years, or alternatively will recolve itself into economic camps with Soviet Russia gets a most-favoured-nation treatment on tariff cuts accorded to other countries. Many commodities involved in the proposed reciprocity agreement with 18 countries, including Soviet Russia, gets a most-favoured-nation treatment on tariff cuts accorded to other countries. Many commodities involved in the visit largely determine whether the world can anticipate a "global conomy" with international cooperation comparable to that made possible by the "global war" concept of former years, or alternatively will recolve itself into economic camps with conflicting economic policies.

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Fourthly, the United States for contract to the conomic camps with conflicting accorded affecting United States commodities are still on a 1939 basis. Trade Organisation

Secondly, the United States programme for negotiation of the 18 treaties affecting almost every cate-

# Sold To Britain

London, Feb. 11. Several Conservative members sharply questioned the Government spokesman for the Ministry Health, Mr Charles Key, in the House of Commons to-night regarding the increased cost of Swedish houses sold to Britain.

A touch of comedy was introduced into the exchanges because Mr Key ore valued at \$11,000,000, palladium, was speaking as Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health and was making his last appearance in this capacity before taking on his new duties as Minister of Works. Mr Key argued that these questions concerned the Ministry of Works and he was not Minister of Works until to-morrow. To-day, he could only reply for the Minister of Health.

After a series of exchanges Mr Key said that of 2,500 Swedish \$223,439,000 and imports \$56,894,000. houses, 2,438 had been completed Nearly half of the United States exand the remainder would be finished ports were lend-lease reimbursable between now and March. The ad- exports. Statistics for the entire ditional cost of 2,500 houses was £124,000. This increase was mainly due to costs, of transportation and higher costs of erection.-Reuter.

# H. K. Forestry Scheme

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made by the Japanese for the pre vision of firewood. This area will, in future, be the

The Fanling area has always been well afforested. In 1940 and 1941 United Press. large scale fellings were carried out to provide a supply of firewood for the colony in an emergency, but the areas cleared were replanted and inspection at the end of 1945 showed that, in spite of complete neglect, some of the plantations were satis-

factorily established. However, the golf course area, which had been used as a 'military' zone throughout the Japanese occupation was finally completely denuded of its growing stock to provide Protection and reafforestation of this area must be undertaken for amenity

reasons. Referring to other areas in the New Territories, the official said that some of them are so remote as to make afforestation difficult from the point of view of protection, especially against deliberate firing. He added that education of the villagers in these matters is badly

needed: BIGGEST PROBLEM

Referring to the history of afforestation in Hongkong, the official said that the chief problem had been the high cost of protection, and for this reason he doubted whether forestry here could ever be a paying

proposition financially. Illicit tree cutting and deliberate firing had always been a serious hindrance to afforestation. In 1938 a protection system was introduced, but it was only partial-

ly successful, It did, however, manage to check forest depredations. Method of operation was the setting up of outposts of forest guards at various points of vantage throughout the colony. Only the more serious cases of apprehension were offenders having their gleanings con- 0.30-7.30 p.m., and 0-11 p.m., also on 9.53 fiscated, thereby making their whole me. day's work a waste of time, leaving them relatively worse off than before they set out. Faced with this prospect only the more desperate thought it worth while to take the

## Truman's Budget Slashed

Washington, Feb. 12. A \$0,000,000,000 cut in President Truman's US\$37,500,000,000 budget was voted by the Senate and house A bitter wrangle over the question whether such a slash would impair the nation's defence proceded the vote.-Associated Press

United States foreign com- gory of United States tariff, is pre-merce, credit and political relations will all be largely influenced tion, whereof the ultimate success by the course of economic events | non, whereon the unimate succession by the course of economic events | may require Soviet Russian particl-

Thirdly, Soviet Russia's ultimate At least four phases of United intentions concerning the Bretton Woods monetary and exchange programmes are yet unknown here.

### Imports Quadrupled

Current interest in these topics is accentuated by the fact that United States imports from Soviet Russia in 1946 totalled four times more than any year since the Russian revolution. and they face the possibility of expansion. The United States export position vis-a-vis Soviet Russia is not yet clear statistically, because lendlease deliveries and UNRRA shipments were large factors in the 1946 figures. Informed circles presume that Sovict Russin has, an extraordinary need and desire for United States manufacturers and other comcodities which would become operative if some credit arrangement is

United States imports of Russian commodities during last year were on a contract basis. Some large American purchases were manganese platinum and iridium valued at about \$9,000,000, chrome ore valued nt \$3,700,000, and murinte of potash. valued at \$3,500,000. Imports of furs in the first half of the year were valued at over \$41,000,000.

### Lend-Lease Goods

The- United States has not published trade figures for the entire year, but during the first half of 1946 exports to USSR were valued at Year when available are expected to double the first half year.

There is wide speculation on the attitude of the Republican-controlled Congress toward United States-Soviet Russian relations. Although is definite hostility, to Communistic activity within the United States, some Republicans will look favourably upon expanding commerce with Soviet Russia if ideological ramifications can be avoided. United States-Russian trade flourished during the years of. Republican presidential administrations, despite non-recognition of Russia politically. With the apparent tendency for United States incentre of forestry field experimental dustrial production to overtake domestic consumption, Republicans must watch the export situation.-

## OUTWARD MAILS

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clico) 1 p.m. Amoy, 2 p.m. Macao, Tainakan, Shekki, 3 p.m. Kongmoon, 4 p.m. Canton. 4 p.m. Priday, February 14

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#### TO.DAY'S BROADCASTS

and Monte Rey (Vocal); 7 London Relay: World News: 7.10 London Relay: Home News from Britain; 7.15 "We Bing For You"—Elizabeth Schumann & Herbert Janssen; 7.30 Studio; "Bring You Music"; Classical Request Programme arranged by Lynn Frazer; 8.30 With Eric Coates; D London Relay; News; 9.10 Interlude; 9.15 London Relay; A Talk—"Think On These London Relay! A Talk—"Think On These Things"; 9.30 J. H. Squire Celeste Octet: 9.40 Studio: "Urdu Poetry"—A Talk by Professor Ahmed All, Head of the Dept. of English. Presidency College, Calcutta: 9.55 "Stars Parade"—Stage and Film Favourites of To-day and Yesterday; 10.15 London Transcription Service: "Blystery and Imagination": "Nurse's Tale" and "Thursday Evenings": 10.45 "Twilight Melodies": 11 Close down.

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